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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRENCH INITIATIVE ON EUROPEAN UNION: A QUAI OFFICIAL REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT, IN AN INFORMAL MARCH 15-16 MEETING WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO, EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE THINKING ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION:

--WHILE THE "EUROPEAN EXECUTIVE" CAN BE ROTATING, COM-UNAL OR PERMANENT, AND THE MANNER OF ITS SELECTION S SUSCEPTIBLE TO COMPROMISE, IT MUST PRESERVE THE CONFEDERAL NATURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND AVOID SUPRANATIONALISM.

--THE INSTITUTIONS OF CONFEDERATION SHOULD INCLUDE A BICAMERAL PARLIAMENT CONSISTING OF A SENATE REPRESENTING MEMBER STATES AND A POPULARLY ELECTED CHAMBER.
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2. RADIO MOSCOW RECALLS SOVIET ROLE IN OCTOBER WAR: AN UNIDENTIFIED COMMENTATOR ON MOSCOW'S ARABIC SERVICE RE-SECRET

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MINDED HIS LISTENERS APRIL 4 OF ALL THE SOVIET UNION HAD

DONE FOR THE ARABS AFTER THE 1967 WAR AND DURING THE

1973 CONFLICT, AND ASSERTED THAT THE USSR HAD NOT OPPOSED ARAB USE OF ARMED FORCE AGAINST THE "AGGRESSORS." HE US AS ANOTHER MEANS OF "DEFENDING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARABS." (TICKER)

3. FRENCH DEMARCHE ON OIL EMBARGO AGAINST DUTCH AND DANES: IN THE APRIL 1-2 MEETINGS IN LUXEMBOURG JOBERT TOLD THE EC 9 FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED FRENCH AMBASSADORS IN THE ARAB CAPITALS TO TELL HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO AGAINST THE DUTCH AND THE DANES COULD JEOPARDIZE THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. HE REPORTED THE DEMARCHES RECEIVED REASONABLY POSITIVE REACTIONS FROM ALL EXCEPT KUWAIT. (STATE)

4. SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION REMAINS LOW: EMBASSY MOSCOW SPECULATES THAT THE RECENT SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN THE JEWISH EMIGRATION RATE MAY BE PARTIALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SOVIET CREATION OF AN ARTIFICIAL BACKLOG IN ORDER TO PERMIT A DRAMATIC INCREASE TIMED TO A MAJOR EVENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. (STATE) RUSH

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